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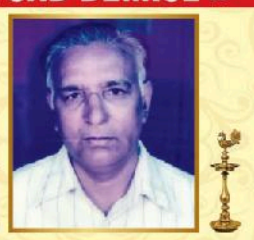
CM Siddaramaiah, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, MLA Laxman Savadi, Ministers H.K. Patil, K.H. Muniyappa, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and other Congress leaders staging protest in New Delhi today.

New Delhi / Bengaluru, Feb.7 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his Deputy D.K. Shivakumar, along with other Congress MLAs from Karnataka staged a protest at New Delhi's Jantar Mantar against the Centre's tax devolution policies this morning.

The protest comes ahead of the ensuing Lok Sabha polls, demanding the Centre to set right the losses allegedly incurred by Karnataka. Interestingly, the tenure of the 15th Finance Commission (2020-21 to 2024-25) is coming to an end and demand for increased devolution to Karnataka may not find any voice.

(See CM on page 6)

SAD DEMISE



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 7th February 2024

Wins gold medal in Wushu

U. Kushal, a student of Electronics and Communication Engineering, ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru-Bannur Road, Mysuru, has secured gold medal in the 52-kg category of National-level Wushu Championship-2023 organised by Karnataka State Wushu Sports Association and Bidar District Wushu Association at Nehru Indoor Stadium in Bidar recently. He is seen with ATME Administrative Officer Dr. Sachidanandamurthy, Principal Dr. A.K. Murthy and PE Director Dr. M.P. Muralidhar.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

For millions of people, Rama is the supreme ideal, the personification of *dharma* ***or righteousness. He is*** *Maryada Purushottama,* ***the epitome of human excellence. The devout swear by him, exchange greetings with his name and relish his eventful life and its enactment in various forms. Hundreds of spots consecrated by his visit have become places of worship. Had he been a mythical character, he would have vanished from the minds of people, like the heroes of*** *Illiad* ***and*** *Odyssey.*

Allama Iqbal eulogised him thus: *hai ram ke vajud pe hindostan ko naz/ ahle-nazar samajhate hain is ko imam-e-hind* ***(Hindostan is proud of Rama's very name; to the discerning, he is its spiritual leader).***

Rama nama ***draws divinity into the human heart. It washes off layers of negativity in the subconscious mind and helps one endure the vicissitudes of life. Its chanting awakens spiritual consciousness.*** *Ram-Dhun* ***(a bhajan) was a daily feature of the prayer sessions of Mahatma Gandhi and*** *Ram Rajya,* ***his vision of an ideal state.***

In his *Nirguna* ***(attributeless) form, Rama is present in every particle of the universe and in every human heart. While a man of wisdom can contemplate abstract reality, an ordinary mind is unable to connect with something that does not have a material form. The recent*** *Prana-pratishtha* ***(consecration) of Ram Lalla (infant Ram) at his birthplace in Ayodhya brings into focus the*** *Sanatana* ***view that the worship of god in form may lead one to the formless being. Rituals eventually blossom into an experience of the divine. Imbued with devotion, they create a force field of energy that alters the mental environment of the faithful. Faith is not superstition but applied truth.***

A temple is not a structure of bricks and stones but a living organism that vibrates with spirituality. It is like the runway of an airport, from where the devotee takes off to meet his god face-to-face. The grand Ram temple in Ayodhya epitomises the divine persona of Ram and is a veritable link between history and legend, sculpture and spirit, and time and timelessness. Goswami Tulsidas says, *Hoi hi soi jo rama rachi rakha, ko kari tarka badhavai sakha* ***(whatever Rama has ordained must happen; one who resorts to further argument only complicates the matter).***

— Satish K. Kapoor in Deccan Herald

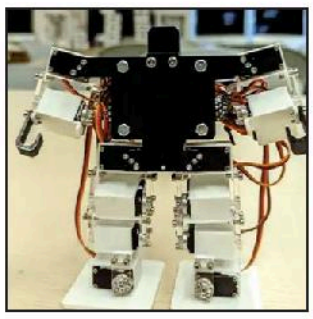
NEWS SPARKLERS

This town has banned 'Gobi Manchurian'

Mapusa: Mapusa, a city in Goa, has banned Gobi Manchurian from stalls and feasts, over synthetic colours and hygiene. Gobi Manchurian is a fusion dish that typically features cauliflower florets coated in a fiery red sauce, which has long been a favourite among food enthusiasts. The Mapusa Municipal Council is not the first civic body in Goa to declare war on Gobi Manchurian. In 2022, during the Vasco Saptah fair at the Shree Damodar temple, the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) issued instructions to the Mormugao Municipal Council to restrict stalls selling Gobi Manchurian.

Gobi Manchurian finds itself at the centre of a cultural clash between local culinary preferences and a dish that has gained widespread popularity over the years.

Students build world's smallest humanoid robot



Mong Kok: A group of four budding engineers at a Hong Kong school broke a Guinness World Record when they constructed the world's smallest humanoid robot.

Aaron Ho Yat Fung, Isaac Zachary To, Justin Wang Tou Duong and Ngo Hei Leung, members of the robotics team at the Diocesan Boys' School in Mong Kok, built a robot measuring 5.55 inches tall, .44 inches shorter than the previous record holder, which was made by Zain Ahmad Qureshi in 2022.

Guinness World Records' rules for the smallest humanoid robot category require the automaton to be capable of bipedal movement, as well as be able to articulate its shoulders, elbows, knees and hips.

The creators said they hope their robot will serve as a low-cost educational tool for low-income students.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Risk factors for urinary bladder cancer are smoking, exposure to chemicals like dye, tar and increasing age, being male, chronic bladder inflammation and family history of bladder cancer.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. - Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Free mass marriage to mark Puneeth Rajkumar's birth anniversary

Mysuru, Feb.7 (BLU&TRR)- 'Saptapadi,' a free mass marriage event has been organised on March 17 to commemorate the birth anniversary of film actor late Puneeth Rajkumar.

Addressing a press conference at Patrakartara Bhavan in the city on Monday, President of Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar Samaja Seva Samiti N. Raju said that the free mass marriage event will be organised at Dasara Exhibition premises in Mysuru.

The Samiti will give a saree, mangalya and toe rings to the participating brides and a shirt, dhoti and shalya to the bridegrooms," said Raju. Samiti General Secretary N. Manjunath was present at the press meet.

Puneeth Rajkumar

For more information and registration, call Manjunath on Mob: 94825-45878 or Satish on Mob: 99458-88809 or Shivaraj on Mob:80500-64986.

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REALLY...?

- ***Bats have very thin leg bones:*** *Their legs are not very good for use in other tasks apart from hanging upside down. The bones in their legs are also quite fragile which means they are unable to walk. Apart from their weak legs, their knees also face backward.*
- *Kangaroos can't hop without their tails:* *If you were to lift a kangaroo's tail, it would not be able to jump. This is mainly because they use their tails for balance while jumping.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

The English teacher was teaching the alphabet to the students of K.G. class. What comes after "T"? She asked a boy. "Biscuits," replied the boy innocently!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.59**
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VOICE OF THE READER

Woes of a train traveller

Sir,

I along with my family returned from a pilgrimage tour to Kumbakonam (city of temples). The only train Mayiladuthurai Express towards this route is normally full with passengers towards Trichy.

I wish the Railway Minister and our MP take this train to experience the hardship being faced by common man despite paying heavy amount for AC coaches.

The rest rooms are in horrible condition with no water supply at times. Instead of improving infra for airports and other upcoming projects, the existing train coaches may be taken up for maintaining ambience and essential amenities be provided. Unless the authorities concerned travel in these trains they will not understand the difficulties faced by passengers.

Please add one more train in these routes to Madurai (Tuticorin) and Mayiladuthurai and help the passengers to undertake the journey peacefully. Hope the concerned will look into this and take immediate action.

—A concerned citizen
Mysuru
1.2.2024

JSS College student bags first prize in District-level essay contest

Mysuru, Feb. 7- Kusumabai, a third year degree student of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science on Ooty Road in city won the first prize in the District-level essay contest organised by Department of Information and Public Relations, Mysuru, as part of Gandhi Jayanthi.

She received the cash prize of Rs.11,000 from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the latter's Home Office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru recently. Her essay also won the third place in the State-level contest.

Information and Public Relations Department Secretary K.V. Trilokchandra, Commissioner Hemanth Nimbalkar, Joint Director Manjunath Dollin and others were present.

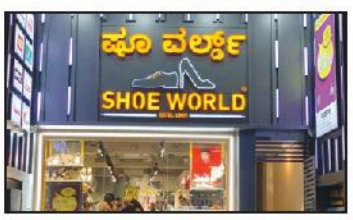
COMED-K exam on May 12

Bengaluru, Feb. 7- COMED-K online exam for admission to private engineering colleges in Karnataka will be held on May 12 for which registration has begun.

COMED-K UG-CET is a common entrance test held at the National-level for admission to around 190 unaided private engineering colleges in Karnataka. The Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMED-K) conducts the UG-CET.

The exam, in online mode, will be held in over 400 centres in about 200 cities of the country on May 12. The eligible students can register in the websites ***www.comedk.org*** or ***www.unigauge.com,*** before Apr. 5, according to COMED-K Executive Secretary Kumar.

'Buy 1 get 1 free' at Shoe World



Mysuru, Feb. 7- 'Shoe World' at its new showroom in Shivarampet, opposite Mannars Market, is providing 'Buy 1 Get 1 Free' offer on sale of high quality sandals, shoes and other footwear of its In-house Brand for men and women till Feb. 25.

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MCC buildings at Vontikoppal in shambles, but who cares?

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (BS)- The buildings owned by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) near Cheluvamba Park at Vontikoppal are currently in a state of disrepair, raising concerns among the public.

Adjacent to the MCC Guest House, these structures house the Ashraya branches of Chamaraja and Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituencies, as well as the Office of Horticulture Division. Unfortunately, the neglect of these buildings by officials is evident, with damaged ceilings and coconut fronds on the terrace serving as visible signs of deterioration.

Several grievances have been raised by the public regarding these MCC-owned structures. The issues include heaps of waste in the pavement, cracks in the compound wall, erratic supply of drinking water, and water seepage from pipes and UGD lines awaiting repair. Despite the presence of a fast-food joint operating in front of these buildings, concerned officers have failed to take notice, prompting public criticism.

People express their frustration, questioning whether officials would have shown similar negligence if these were their own residences. They emphasise the use of taxpayers' money in constructing these buildings and question why there is such indifference towards their maintenance. The public also raises concerns about the potential misuse of these buildings for illicit activities if they are not repaired and utilised effectively.

In essence, the deteriorating state of these MCC-owned buildings near Cheluvamba Park is a matter of significant public concern, highlighting the need for immediate attention and action from the authorities to address the various issues raised.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Entries invited for Poetry Award

Rangavaahini, an Arts, Literary, Cultural, Social and Educational organisation, located at Dr. Ambedkar Extension in Chamarajanagar district, has invited entries from poets for the State-level Mullur Nagaraj Poetry Award (2023). The poetry collection must have been published in 2022. The interested poets can send 4 copies of their poetry collection, along with their photograph and details, to C.M. Narasimhamurthy, President, Rangavaahini, 'Jayadegula', 10th Cross, opposite Court, Chamarajanagar - 571313, before Feb. 26. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a citation. For further details, contact Mob: 99161-15263, according to a press release from the Rangavaahini President.

Unanimously elected

Anantharamu and Sujatha

The office-bearers of The Graduates' Co-operative Bank Ltd. for the term 2024-2029 were unanimously elected during the Administrative Board elections held recently. While R. Anantharamu was elected as the President of the The Graduates' Co-operative Bank Ltd., Sujatha Venkataraju was elected as the Vice-President of the Bank, according to a press release from the Bank Manager.

Ph.D awardee

R. Ishwarya has been awarded Ph.D in Political Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Prof. Amartya Sen's Contribution to the Concept of Social Justice: A Comparative Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Krishna Hombal.

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Health system to go total digital: Dinesh Gundu Rao

Register for Smart Card under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and avail services in any health centre of the country

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao (4th from left) launching the microsite of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission organised at a private hotel in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (MTY&BS)- Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "Digital health system is essential in the present scenario and all those institutions and individuals associated with the health sector should adapt to the system."

He was addressing the gathering after launching the microsite of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, during a programme organised at a private hotel in the city yesterday.

"The project is being implemented in Mysuru district in the first phase and Government and private hospitals, doctors, nurses and other staff should enrol those availing of health services. The beneficiary patients will be issued a Smart Card after treatment. The card will have an unique number like that of Aadhaar number, using which the treatment can be availed in any health centre across the country. Hence, the general public, service providers and health centres should be brought under this system," advised Rao.

The private hospitals and laboratories should cooperate in strengthening Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, by reaching the benefits to more number of people. Most importantly they should make judicious use of technology for the success of the Mission. All the people should be brought under Ayushman Bharat, as it is only then that the purpose behind the scheme will be served, he added.

It is essential to introduce a system to enable people obtain total information related to their health condition online. It will prove more beneficial for the patients to seek health related facilities, pointed out Rao.

Aadhaar system that was introduced during the tenure of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has proven useful in several sectors. Similarly Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is expected to be more useful, provided the data of the patients is not misused.

With the patients details recorded online, there won't be any need for them to carry health reports unnecessarily. The treatment can be provided in no time, after accessing the patients past records. Such a system will come in handy in treating the patient effectively and also take a better decision in the interest of patients, especially during emergency. It will also prove advantageous in tapping the benefits of health schemes and conducting research activities too, he said.

Presiding over the programme, Narasimharaja Constituency MLA Tanveer Sait said, "The information related to those providing the service and tariff should be provided, along with guarantee on safety of patients data. If such confusions are addressed, the scheme will prove better. Efforts should also be made to enrol students from Class 1 to 12 under the scheme, to take a firm step towards protecting the health of all."

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Health and Family Welfare Department Commissioner D. Randeep, Director B.S. Pushpalatha and others were present.

'Confusions in drug procurement system to be cleared soon'

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (MTY&BS)- Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has assured to rectify administrative loopholes in the procedure of buying medicines (drug) that has become a hurdle in adequate distribution of medicines.

Speaking to media persons here yesterday, Rao said: "Following some mismatches in the records related to purchase, stock and expired drugs and also some variations in the tender process, medicines could not be supplied in adequate manner. Hence corrective steps would be taken and things are expected to be smooth in the next three to four months."

Apart from sanctioning funds for constructing new buildings at the hospitals, sophisticated measures will be taken to keep the old buildings free from infections. With this, measures are being taken to conserve old buildings, as Rs. 500 crore is being spent on repair works of various hospital buildings in the State, said Rao.

The case related to female foeticide racket that surfaced recently is being heard at the Court. The Department will provide all the required information to the Court and the guilty will be punished, assured Rao.

After duty hours, the doctors can attend private practice but it is wrong to divert patients of Government Hospitals to private hospitals forcing them to avail treatment that comes with an exorbitant cost.

Under Karnataka Private Medical Establishment (KPME) Act, the Government has fixed tariff for every treatment at private hospitals. But majority of the hospitals haven't put up tariff chart. However, measures will be taken to check hefty billing in the coming days.

A system will be introduced where in the message on treatment expenditure will be dispatched to patients cell phone number upon admission at the hospital, said Rao.

Steps are also being taken to prevent the spread of KFD (Monkey Fever) virus in the State. The particular virus is generally reported in the months of January to March and recedes gradually. However, there is no vaccine as such to treat this virus, with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) still conducting a research on inventing the vaccine. The vaccine is expected to be rolled out soon, with precautions being taken till then to keep the virus under control.

Acknowledging vacancy in Health Department, Rao said: "The Government is seized of the matter and 800 nurses will be recruited soon to address the shortage of staff."

Man goes missing from city

Ravikumar

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (KS)- A 39-year-old man, who left his house on Jan. 6 at about 6 am, saying that he had an order of cooking food to the students of school in Hinkal, has since gone missing.

The missing man is M. Ravikumar. He is 5.4 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, oval faced, well-built, speaks Kannada and was wearing a yellow colour full arm shirt and blue jeans pant and was carrying a yellow colour dhoti when last seen. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Alanahalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Obituary

Hunsur, Feb. 7- Daniel Fernandes (68), a retired Forest Department employee and a resident of Kalkunike Housing Board Colony of the town, passed away here on Monday night.

He leaves behind his wife, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the Christian Cemetery in Hunsur on Tuesday, according to family sources.

Traditional start to Suttur Jathra Mahotsava

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (VNS)- The six-day Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Shivayogigala Jathra Mahotsava, popularly known as Suttur Jathra Mahotsava, got off to a colourful and traditional start at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk yesterday.

The Jathra Mahotsava, being held under the supervision of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt, was graced by Sri Adrushya Kadasiddheshwara Swamiji of Sri Siddhagiri Samsthana Mutt, Kaneri and Sri Jadeya Shanthalingeshwara Swamiji of Sri Shanthalingeshwara Mutt, Nimbala. Sri Jayarajendra Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Suttur Mutt, was also present.

First day of the event witnessed inauguration of various exhibitions at Suttur. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao inaugurated the health check-up camp, former MLA Roopali Naik inaugurated the exhibition, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa inaugurated the Cultural Fair and MLA Ganesh Prasad inaugurated Boating. MLC C.N. Manjegowda, retd. High Court Judge Justice A.S. Pachhapure, Ooty MLA R. Ganesh, *Padma Shri* awardee Pierre-Sylvain Filliozat, his wife Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath & Secretary -1 Prof. S.P. Manjunath were present.

During the inaugural event, the devotees were treated with various cultural events which included nadaswara, folkore, dance ballet on Dwadasha Jyotirlinga, light music, Yakshagana Bombeyata by Sri Rameshwara Krupaposhita Yakshagana Sutrada Bombe Mela, Hallare, Nanjangud taluk, Bharatanatyam and staging of plays 'Jagajyothi Basaveshwara' and 'Dakshayagna.'

Earlier, Anujna and Maha Rudrabhisheka were performed at the main Gadduge as early as 4 am. It was followed by special pujas at the temple at 6.30 am and a jatha promoting friendship, peace and harmony at Sannamallipura village. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji of Sri Morambalu Gangadhareshwara Pattada Mutt, Kasuvinahalli, hoisted the Shatsthala Flag at 7.30 am followed by a message by Sri Ishaprasada Swamiji, Sri Gurudevashrama, Atharga, Vijayapura district. Later, abhisheka and mahamangalarathi was performed to the Utsava Murthi of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji at 8 am before allowing for darshana. At 4.30 pm, Agrodaka, accompanied by cow and calf was brought from the banks of River Kapila which was followed by a grand procession of the Utsava Murthi of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji till the gadduge.

Veerabhadreshwara Kondothsava was held at 6 pm followed y punyaha, naandi, kalasa sthapane were performed.

The Jathra Mahotsava, which witnessed thousands of devotees storming the spiritual town, will see a steep increase in the numbers visitors in the days to come.

'Suttur Jathra is a jathra of awareness'

Suttur Jathra by creating awareness on social developments and innovations in the fields of education, agriculture, health among others is not a jathra restricted to religious and spiritual events, but a jathra of enhancing knowledge and awareness, said Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Speaking after inaugurating the health check-up camps organised as part of Suttur Jathra at Suttur yesterday, he said that human beings were suffering from various health issues because of the unhealthy lifestyle and food habits.

"People can lead a healthy life only through a good lifestyle and food habits. In an effort to create awareness on leading a healthy life, various exhibitions have been organised at the Suttur Jathra," he said.

Stating that he was taking part at the Jathra Mahotsava for the second time, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that the jathra had been growing year after year adding that the Suttur Mutt had been creating awareness on various fields including agriculture. "The Mutt has been working as a mini Government in creating awareness on various issues. I am happy to be a part of the event during which the Mutt, which is a crown to our State, has been providing opportunity for the students to showcase their talent," he said.

120 couples enter into wedlock during Mass Marriage

The Day-2 of Suttur Jathra Mahotsava witnessed about 120 couples, including four specially-abled and one re-marriage couples, tying the knot during the mass marriage programme held at the Suttur Mutt premises in Nanjangud this morning. According to a press release from the Suttur Mutt, a total of 3,533 couples have entered into wedlock during the mass marriages organised by the Mutt at Suttur Srikshetra. It includes 3,076 couples who married during the mass marriages organised as part of annual Suttur Jathra from 2000 to 2023 and 457 couples who entered into wedlock since 2009 during the monthly mass marriage programme of the Mutt. *[Jathra Pics. by Vatal Anand]*

Padma Shri Awardee Somanna calls for effective implementation of Forest Rights Act

Ministry of Home Affairs
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan - Karnat
Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports, Gov
Karnataka State Open University - Mysur
Jointly Organiz

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (MTY&VNS)- "Forest Rights Act, which has been enacted to recognise and vest the forest rights and occupation of forest land in forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers, must be implemented effectively by the Government for the upliftment of the community," said Tribal leader and Padma Shri awardee Somanna, in city, this morning.

He was speaking after inaugurating the week-long 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme jointly organised by Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), CRPF, ITBP and SSB and BSF at Kaveri Auditorium, Muktha Gangothri campus of KSOU.

Demanding for a separate university for the tribal youths to pursue their education, Somanna said many of the non-tribal communities were added to the list of tribals pushing the demand for internal reservation for tribal communities.

Stating that he was fighting for tribal communities to become land holders, Sommanna shared the agony which he had to endure as a bonded labourer being denied food, clothes and a meagre salary of Rs. 15-Rs.16 per year which prompted him to form a group and fight for the tribal rights.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra called upon the tribal youths to join the mainstream of the society by pursuing higher education, besides instructing them to explore Mysuru and surroundings where different traditions, culture and languages are practiced for every 12-15 kms.

DC Dr. Rajendra also instructed the tribal youths to realise their dreams of becoming teachers and professors through hard work.

He also asked the youths to visit historical places like Talakadu, Bandipur and Nagarahole, nearby waterfalls and others locations to experience different environments.

A total of 200 tribal youths, 100 boys and 100 girls, from Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha and Maharashtra are taking part in the seven-day exchange programme which concludes on Feb. 12. The tribal youths will be visiting Suttur Mutt, Infosys, KRS, Mysore Palace, Development Through Education (DEED) NGO in Hunsur during their stay in Mysuru.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Nehru Yuva Kendra Regional Director (Southern States) M.N. Nataraj, District Youth Officer Abhishek Chavare, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director Bhaskar Nayak were present on the occasion.

CM leads 'Chalo Delhi' protest

Counter protest by BJP in Bengaluru

(Continued from page 1)

Both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar reached New Delhi late last night for the protest that has been named 'Chalo Delhi' by Karnataka Congress. The protestors include 135 Congress MLAs, 28 MLCs, one Lok Sabha MP, five Rajya Sabha MPs, Congress officials and Youth Congress members.

Counter protest by BJP

Meanwhile, the BJP staged protests against Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government at various places, including New Delhi and in front of Mahatma Gandhi Statue at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru, as a counter to the grand-old party's protest against the Centre.

Raising slogans against Siddaramaiah and his Government, the BJP leaders alleged that the Congress was misusing Central funds and involved in corruption. In Delhi, BJP MPs from Karnataka held placards in the demonstration against the Siddaramaiah Government in front of the Mahatma Gandhi Statue in the Parliament Complex.

"Congress is involved in corruption and is not running the Government properly. Shivakumar wanted to become the CM but could not do so. Due to internal conflict, they have come here against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi as he could not become the CM," BJP Rajya Sabha MP Lahar Singh Siroya said.

The BJP leaders, including Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, have vehemently refuted allegations that the Centre is withholding funds intended for non-BJP governed States like Karnataka. They argue that such claims represent a 'politically-biased narrative' propagated by 'vested interests.'

Karnataka State lost Rs. 62,098 crore: CM

Addressing protesters at Jantar Mantar, CM Siddharamaiah said that the purpose of protest is to highlight what he called the 'Union Government's step- motherly treatment' to Karnataka. "This protest is unprecedented in history. This is not just a party-related protest. I had even invited BJP MPs to raise the issue of discrimination by the Government of India against not just Karnataka but also other Southern States," he claimed.

"As a matter of fact, Karnataka has contributed more than Rs. 4,30,000 crore as tax to the Centre and Karnataka has lost Rs. 62,098 crore because of faulty tax devolution. Due to the uncontrolled population in the North, the taxes are now distributed more to the Northern States with higher population, but Karnataka and other Southern States which managed to control population are now bearing the brunt," the CM said.

CM arriving in Mysuru

CM Siddaramaiah will be arriving in Mysuru later this evening to take part in Suttur Jathra Mahotsava. He will arrive at Mysore Airport at 4.45 pm by a special flight from Delhi and travel by road to Suttur. He will return to Bengaluru in a special flight from Mysore Airport at 9 pm.

Seminar on communication begins at St. Philomena's College

Mysuru, Feb. 7- A two-day international seminar on "Communication for Social Change" began at St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, this morning.

The PG Department of Research and Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, PG Department of Research and Studies in Social Work and PG Department of Economics, St. Philomena's College, have jointly organised the seminar.

Prof. Srinivas Melkote, Professor Emeritus at School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, USA, who delivered the keynote address, was the resource person.

The seminar includes a range of topics, with focus on "The Role of Media and Communication in Development & Social Change," on the opening day.

On the second day (Feb. 8), the focus will be on the topic "Epistemologies of Qualitative and Quantitative Research for Inclusive Development."

Principal Dr. Ravi J. D. Saldanha presided. Rev. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector, Prof. Othbert Pinto, Director of PG and Research Centre and others were present

The seminar provides a unique platform for scholars, researchers, practitioners and students from various disciplines to engage in enriching discussions, exchange experiences and explore innovative strategies for leveraging communication for social transformation.

The hybrid format of the event accommodates both in-person and virtual participation, ensuring accessibility and fostering broader engagement and knowledge dissemination.

More than 300 participants from different parts of the country and world are attending the seminar, according to Dr. M.K. Venugopal Gowda, HoD and Assistant Professor, PG Department of Research and Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication.

SIM cards, knives seized from 'high security' Mysuru prison

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (SBD&BCT)- The Mysuru City Police conducted a surprise raid at the high-security Mysuru Central Prisons yesterday, seizing SIM cards, two knives, mobile phone chargers and some money from certain inmates. Notably, no lethal weapons or drugs were recovered during this operation like in previous raids.

Following an order from the City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth and DCPs M. Muthuraj (Law and Order) and S. Jahnavi (Crime and Traffic), ACPs Shanthamallappa from Devaraja Subdivision, Gajendra Prasad from Vijayanagar Sub-division, Sudhakar from Narasimharaja Sub-division, Ramesh Kumar from Krishnaraja and City Armed Reserve ACP Jayaramu raided the jail premises in five teams.

The ACPs were joined by Police Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and operatives from the Commando Force and Dog Squad teams during the raid. Every barrack and individual living quarters were meticulously searched, with even beds and clothing inspected. Following a comprehensive search effort, the teams successfully confiscated SIM cards, a knife, mobile phone chargers, and a quantity of money from the inmates. The finding of SIM cards within the jail barracks has raised significant concerns, particularly because prisons are designed to isolate inmates from external communication. This is especially worrisome given the presence of many anti-social elements within the prison population.

The troubling revelations from the Mysuru Central Prisons indicate that certain inmates have been involved in illicit dealings with criminals outside, despite the stringent security measures in place.

In response, Police teams are actively tracing the phone numbers associated with the seized SIM cards. Officers said that the presence of SIM cards and mobile phone chargers implies the existence of mobile phones either concealed by prisoners, evading detection during the check, or potentially destroyed before the inspection teams arrived at the barracks.

'Case will be booked'

A probe has been ordered to know how these SIM cards reached inside the high-security prison and who was using them. A case will be registered in this regard and the jail inmates will be questioned. We have also recovered two small knives from a bathroom. But lethal weapons and drugs have not been recovered.

—Ramesh Banoth
City Police Commissioner

Seizures necessitate stringent measures

Security arrangements in the jail remain a pressing concern, highlighted by the seizure of SIM cards and mobile phone chargers believed to have facilitated communication with external gangs and their affiliates. This underscores the urgent need for a foolproof mechanism to prevent such incidents.

Given that the Mysuru Central Prisons accommodates gangsters and hardened criminals, the use of phones for illicit activities such as drug trafficking, extortion and inciting unrest is widespread. Monitoring the sale of SIM cards to inmates and launching investigations into their accessibility and the identity of suppliers is imperative, including probing potential insider involvement.

Continuous monitoring of security personnel is essential to root out collusion with prisoners. The confiscation of these items within the jail premises underlines the necessity for a comprehensive overhaul of the security system, leveraging technology.

Man arrested for strangulating wife

Mysuru, Feb. 7 (RK&DM)- The Udayagiri Police have arrested a man on charges of strangulating his wife to death.

Akbar Ali, of Mandya district is the one who is arrested.

Akbar Ali, an auto driver by profession had married Naveeda of Mysuru 13 years ago and the couple had three children. Akbar Ali suffered from an heart attack a few years ago and after his recovery, his family settled down in Rajivnagar here. Later, Naveeda's family members had lent money to Ali for carrying out automobile business. However he incurred a huge loss.

He also borrowed loans from other sources and the couple frequently quarrelled over this issue as Ali pestered his wife to bring more money. As the quarrel escalated, Ali strangulated his wife Naveeda using a rope at his residence on Sunday. The efforts made to shift her to hospital proved futile, as she died enroute. Acting on a complaint by Naveeda's family members, the Udayagiri police arrested Akbar Ali.

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City Schools celebrate Annual Day

KNC INNOVATIVE GLOBAL SCHOOL, HEBBAL, recently hosted its 10th Annual Day programme at KSOU Convocation Hall in city.

The programme commenced with the lighting of lamp by the chief guest, Ingrid Perera, retired Principal, accompanied by Chairman Dr. K.N. Chandrashekar and School Principal Joseph Frank.

The cultural extravaganza unfolded with dance performances by tiny-tots of Montessori, grade 1 and 2, soulful musical renditions and theatrical displays.

The evening was a blend of cultural performances and academic recognitions.

Little Elly, Ramakrishnanagar and Saraswathipuram Branch, celebrated its 11th year Annual Day 'Aarohana' recently. Chief guest Roopa De, Managing Trustee Prabha, Head of the Institute Shilpa Akshaya, Director Prashanth Gururaj and others witnessed the programme which was held at MMC&RI's Platinum Jubilee auditorium, J.K. Grounds, Mysuru.

MAHABODI SCHOOL, SARASWATHIPURAM, celebrated its 51st Annual Day 'Chiguru Habba' at Kalamandira recently. Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra was the chief guest. Mahabodhi School General Secretary Ananda Bhanteji shared the school's history. Following the stage programme, the School's annual report was presented through videos. Students from LKG to 10th Class showcased cultural performances. Special invitees, Faifal Khan and Stanzin Vimalo, added charm to the event with their songs and dance.

The programme included the presence and contributions of Ananda Bhanteji, Dhammaratna Bhanteji, Dhammabodhi Bhanteji, Sobhan Bhanteji, Panyasivo, BEO Raju, CEO Jikmet Wangdus Jyothi, Education Coordinator Venkateshwarlu, Principal Drarakesh and Project Coordinator Bharath.

SHRI BRUHASPATYACHARYA VIDYA SAMSTHE (SBVS), Srirampura, celebrated its 24th Annual Day at the School premises recently.

Dr. S .N . Prashanth, Professor and HoD, Paediatrics Department, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, was the chief guest. School President Dr. U.G. Shenoy, who is also a senior Paediatrician, School Secretary Manoj Shenoy, Management Members Hansa Kamath, Mamatha Shenoy, Cluster Resources Person A.R. Anil Kumar, Head Mistress Anuradha Shenoy, Principal D. Puttaswamy, Staff, students and parents were present.

On the occasion, various cultural programmes were presented by the students of SBVS. School magazine 'Vinoda Lahari' was released by the dignitaries. Academic excellence prizes were given away on the occasion.

JSS PUBLIC SCHOOL, J.P NAGAR: The 29th Annual Day celebrations was held at JSS Public School in J.P. Nagar recently.

S.P. Manjunath, Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presided over the function. Dr. P. Shivaraju, Senior Officer, Karnataka Administrative Service, Mysuru, was the chief guest. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. Gubbigoodu Ramesh, Assistant Director, Department of School Education, Bengaluru.

Principal K. Smitha Kurup presented the annual report of 2023-24. Nishchal of Grade 10 read out the CCA report of 2023-24. School Captain R. Chamakya welcomed the gathering.

School Vice-Captain G. Shivani proposed a vote of thanks. Faculty member R. Roja compered the programme.

The toppers who excelled in academic performances from LKG to X were awarded and CCA prizes were distributed. The trophy and cash prize for Classical Duet Dance competition conducted during 'Manasadhara Fest' in December, 2023 were given away to the winners.

The House Trophy was bagged by Shastri House and Runner-up Trophy was given to Ramanujan House.

The theme of the cultural programme was 'Life is Beautiful.' The children from LKG to X presented different dances pertaining to the theme. The children mesmerised the audience by exhibiting wonderful performances. The finale performance of Grade X enthralled the entire audience. The event culminated with the National Anthem.

Suttur Jathra Events

TODAY [February 7]

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

At Gadduge — 6.30 pm: Yoga Dance by students of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar and JSS Degree College, Ooty Road, Mysuru; **7 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Chaitanya Shadakshari, Vijayanagar, Mysuru; **8 pm:** Hasya Sanje by Basavaraju and troupe, Ummattur, Chamarajanagar taluk; **9 pm:** Janapada Jadoo by Kadaba Srinivasa, Sanjeevini Nagar, Bengaluru.

At Exhibition premises — 8 pm: Talking Doll (Matanaduva Gombe) & Suma Rajkumar, Mysuru.

DRAMAS

At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm: 'Bhaktha Prahlada' by Sri Basaveshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Bilugali, Nanjangud taluk.

At Sri Siddhananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Sri Devimahatme' or 'Mahishasura Mardini' by Sri Ambika Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Hosayalanadu, Hiriyur taluk.

Adjacent to Govt. Higher Primary School — 10 pm: 'Sri Shaniprabhava' or 'Raja Vikrama' by Sri Siddheshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Motthahalli, Mandya taluk.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Dakshayajna' by Sri Balaji Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Mellahalli, Mysuru taluk.

TOMORROW [February 8]

PUJA PROCESSIONS AT KARTHRU GADDUGE

4 am: Maharudrabhisheka; **5 am:** Shivadeekshe-Lingadeekshe; **6 am:** Samsmaranothsava of Guruparampare of Sri Mutt, Manthra Maharshi Gadduge - Rudrabhisheka and 58th Manthralekhana Samsmaranothsava; **6.30 am:** Kalkunda - Friendship-Cordiality-Peace March; **7.30 am:** Shatsthala Flag Hoisting - Sri Sadashiva Swamiji, Junior Swamiji of Sri Basavakalyana Mutt, Vijayapura, Devanahalli taluk; Message - Sri Immadi Siddhalinga Swamiji, Junior Swamiji of Sri Guru Kambaleeshwara Mutt, Mallanamule Sukshetra; **9 am:** Rajopachara to Procession Deity of Adi Jagadguru; **6 pm:** Maharudrabhisheka; **6.30 pm:** Masashivarathri Mahotsava, Mahamangalarathi; **9 pm:** Portraits Utsava from Sri Mutt - Sri Nanjundeshwara, Jagajyothi Sri Basaveshwara, Yediyuru Sri Siddhalingeshwara, Jagadguru Sri Ishaneshwara Wodeyar, Jagadguru Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogiji Manthramaharshi, Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Mahaswamiji and Kayakatapasvi Rajaguruthilaka Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji.

RATHOTHSAVA AND RELIGIOUS MEET

10.30 am: Rathothsava; **11 am:** Religious Meet; Sri Jadeya Shanthalingeshwara Mahaswamiji, Sri Shanthalingeshwara Mutt, Nimbala and Swasthisri Jagadguru Abhinava Charukeerthi Panditha charyavarya Mahaswamiji, Sri Jain Mutt, Shravanabelagola, will grace the occasion; Inauguration by P.S. Sridharan Pillai, Governor of Goa; B.S. Yediyurappa, former Chief Minister, presides.

53RD CATTLE FAIR, DRAWING AND KITE COMPETITIONS

4 pm: Sri Nijagunadevaru, Sri Siddhalinga Kaivalyashrama, P.G. Hunashyala, Belagavi district and Sri Abhinava Siddharoodha Swamiji, Sri Shanmukharooda Mutt, Vijayapura and Sri Shanthashrama, Hubballi, will grace the occasion; U.T. Khader, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, presides; Inauguration of **Drawing Competition** by H.K. Patil, Minister for Law & Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism; Inauguration of **Kite Competition** by D. Sudhakar, Minister for Planning & Statistics; Inauguration of **Cattle Fair** by K. Venkatesh, Minister for Animal Husbandry & Sericulture.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

At Gadduge — 8 am: Nadaswara; **9 am:** Devotional Song and Vachana Gayana by Ganalahari troupe, Toravalli, Nanjangud taluk; **2 pm:** Rangageethe by Rajappa & troupe, Kiragasooru, T. Narasipur taluk; **7 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Dr. Akshata S. Jain and troupe, Bhramarambha Layout, Chamarajanagar; **8 pm:** Shivatandava Nruthya by Vidu. S.N. Meghana Rao and troupe, Dattagalli, Mysuru; **9 pm:** Sri Male Mahadeshwara Kathana - Janapada Gayana by Dr. G. Gururaj, Hale Kesare, Mysuru.

DRAMAS

At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm: 'Bhakta Prahlada' by Sri Muddu Mahadeshwara Kalasangha, Chikkahalli, Mysuru taluk.

At Sri Siddhananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Dakshayajna' by Sri Bhogeshwara Kalasangha, Bogayyanahundi, Nanjangud taluk.

Adjacent to Govt. Higher Primary School — 10 pm: 'Shivakumara' by Sri Boralingeshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Ganiganakoppalu, T. Narasipur taluk.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Bhimana Pratijne' or 'Gadayuddha' by Sri Basaveshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Gowrishankaranagar, Mysuru.

NOTE

BUS FACILITIES: KSRTC will operate special buses to Suttur Srikshetra from various taluks and district headquarters. For details, contact Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud - **Ph: 08221-232223 or 232224;** JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru - **Ph: 0821-2548212-122.**

DAILY EVENTS: • Exhibition - 10 am to 9 pm; • Krishi Mela (Agricultural Fair) - 10 am to 7.30 pm; • Health Screening Camp by JSS Hospital, Mysuru; • Cancer Screening Camp by Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru (till Feb. 10).

LIVE-STREAMING: Jathra Mahotsava events will be live-streamed on ***https://www.youtube.com/@jssmahavidyapeethaonline***

U-19 Cricket World Cup

India records thrilling win against South Africa, enters final

[Pic courtesy: ICC]

Benoni, Feb. 7 (Agencies)- The U-19 Indian Men's cricket team created history yesterday as they entered the finals of the Under-19 World Cup for the record 5th time defeating the Proteas in the semi-final held at the Sahara Park Willowmoore Cricket Stadium.

India's young star Sachin Dhas spearheaded Team India's recovery with a stellar innings of 96 runs, leading them to victory chasing a modest target of 245 runs in the first semi-final of the World Cup. Team India started on a shaky note but a record-breaking partnership of 171 runs in 187 balls for the fifth wicket between Sachin Dhas (96) and skipper Uday Saharan (81), rescued India following a collapse in the top order.

Earlier, South African opener Lhuan-dre Pretorius provided his team with a good start and everything was going great for the hosts before Indian spinners Musheer Khan, Murugan Abhishek and Priyanshu Moliya applied their magic in the game and South African batters started collapsing like pack of cards.

India maintained relentless pressure on the hosts, never easing off the accelerator throughout the innings. Despite their efforts, South Africa became the first team in the tournament to surpass the 170-run mark against India, ultimately posting a total of 244/7 in their 50 overs.

Team India has dominated the U-19 World Cup so far, emerging victorious in three of their games by margins exceeding 200 runs.

India will face the winners of the second semi-final between Australia and Pakistan in the finals of the U-19 World Cup to be held the Willowmoore Park on Feb. 11. Live telecast will be available on *Star Sports* and *Disney + Hotstar* Network from 1.30 pm (IST).

MYSORE RACES 2024

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

Calyposo King Vs Sira for Mysore Bookmakers Association Trophy

Mysuru, Feb. 7- Following are the selections for the 11th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Thursday — Feb. 8, 2024:

1.	1.30 PM	**THE UJIRE PLATE - DIV. II** 1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. GOOD LUCK BRO 2. DEEM TO FIRE*
2.	2.00 PM	**THE SUPER SPEED PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. FACTS OF LIFE 2. SPIRITUAL FORCE*
3.	2.30 PM	**THE UJIRE PLATE - DIV. I** 1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. STEP UP GIRL 2. SHIVALIK SOUND*
4.	3.00 PM	**THE ALLIES SERENADE PLATE - DIV. II** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. MONEY EXCHANGE 2. PERFECT EMPRESS*
5.	3.30 PM	**THE P.M. CHANNABASAVANNA MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. GILDED BUTTERFLY 2. BRIGHTEST STAR*
6.	4.00 PM	**THE MYSORE BOOKMAKERS ASSOCIATION TROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 3 year (terms) *1. CALYPSO KING 2. SIRA*
7.	4.30 PM	**THE AJANTHA PLATE** 1600 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. IBRAHIMOVIC 2. SOUND OF CANON'S*
8.	5.00 PM	**THE ALLIES SERENADE PLATE - DIV. I** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. CONFIDENT GAME 2. TRUMP BABY*

DAY'S BEST: *STEP UP GIRL*

DOUBLE: *1. IBRAHIMOVIC 2. CONFIDENT GAME*

JACKPOT: *4, 5, 6, 7, 8* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *5, 6, 7, 8*

I TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II TREBLE:*** *3, 4, 5* ***III TREBLE:*** *6, 7, 8*

EXACTAS: *1 to 8* ***—Tipster PGC***

WORD OF THE DAY

Gratuitous

Pronunciation: gruh-TOO-uh-tuss.
Meaning: Gratuitous describes things that are not necessary, appropriate, or justified, as in "a gratuitous insult" or "a gratuitous assumption." Gratuitous can also mean "free."
Origin: Like gratitude, grace and congratulate, gratuitous is a descendant of the Latin word gratus, which means "pleasing" or "grateful." When gratuitous was first used in the 17th century, it meant "free" or "given without return benefit or compensation." The extended meaning "done without good reason" or "unwarranted" came about just a few decades later, perhaps from the belief held by some people that one should not give something without getting something in return. Today, that extended meaning is the more common sense, employed, for example, when graphic cruelty depicted in a work of fiction is described as "gratuitous violence," or when unkind words better left unsaid are described as "a gratuitous insult."
Example: The film was criticized for its gratuitous violence.

THE ODD WORD

Xanthopsia

A visual condition where things appear yellow.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Like a chicken with its head cut off

Meaning: The phrase "Like a chicken with its head cut off" is used to describe someone who is panicking or acting in a crazy way.
Origin: The expression's origin comes from the fact that a chicken's body sometimes runs in circles even after the head has been cut off.
Example: "Julie was so anxious to leave that she was running around like a chicken with its head cut off."

QUOTE BOX

He who conquers himself is the mightiest warrior. — **Confucius**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: I understand.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Sports channel
5 Spur
9 U.S. Govt. Uncle ___
12 Price of a ride
13 Deride or scoff
15 Singing group
16 Beyond what is expressed or implied?
17 Mean; be a sign of
19 Make replete
20 British airforce in short
21 Payment for merit
23 The Muslim faith
26 A unit of heat
27 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
28 Amuse oneself
29 Mama's ___ : that sissy youngster?
30 Merriment
31 Pouchlike structure
32 A porcine
33 Jetties
34 Just a single on the cricket field (3,3)
36 Soft white metal
37 Small measure of drink
38 Substance in chemical reaction
42 Tanker distances (3,5)
44 Use ears
45 Objects
46 Jason's ship
47 BSE alternative for share traders
48 Norse poems
49 Superlative form of much

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	V	A	■	S	T	E	T	■	S	T	I	R
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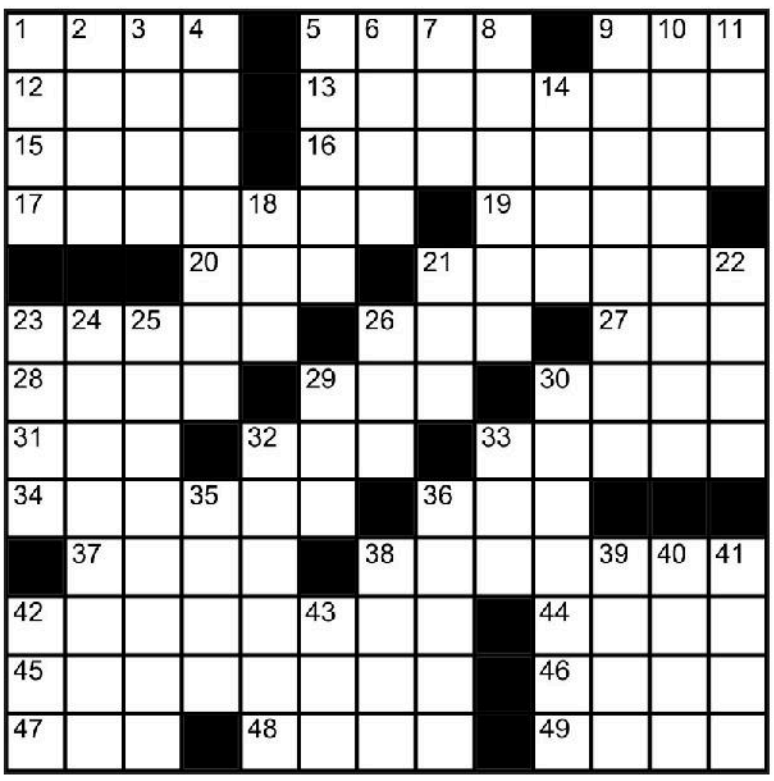
DOWN
1 Newts
2 Graceful apparel of an Indian woman
3 Fussy one
4 A beam of Times Square light (4,3)
5 Rough-voiced
6 Greasy
7 Air Data Tester
8 Motor fuel
9 Apt or fitting
10 Winner of four consecutive discus throw gold medals between 1956-68 (2,6)
11 'Sea' in French
14 Stick in one's ___ : cause considerable or abiding resentment?
18 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
21 Beam of sunlight
22 Obligatory payments
23 ___ facto : by that very fact?
24 Calumnies; defamations
25 Cut jaggedly
26 A small wheel or gear
29 Storage container
30 Checked cotton cloth
32 Abrasive
33 Pakistan Intl. Airlines
35 Bohemian Rhapsody star ___ Malek
36 "As set" anagram for a girl's name?
38 The stalk of tall, marshy grass
39 Architect Saarinen
40 Continually finds fault
41 Jogging gait
42 Japanese honorific
43 Doctor of Laws, degree



SUDOKU

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6			3		2			1
	1						5	
3		5	8		7	2		6
	6						4	
7			9		8			5
				7				
	5	6				7	2	

Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	5	3	6	7	4	8	2
8	7	2	4	9	5	6	1	3
3	6	4	2	1	8	9	7	5
5	3	6	7	8	4	2	9	1
7	4	1	9	2	6	3	5	8
9	2	8	5	3	1	7	6	4
2	1	9	6	5	3	8	4	7
6	5	7	8	4	2	1	3	9
4	8	3	1	7	9	5	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FAZIQVPI ZIN LQXAE SR OVAA QO RVOONXSMP, SZ

SR OVAA FARQ QO ZIN QKNXYQWSMP QO SZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The size of your audience doesn't matter. What's important is that your audience is listening.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Upadhyaksha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Alexa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Yathabhava (K) - 2 Shows; *Ayalaan (Ta)* - 2 Shows
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  Supplier Shankara (K) - 4 Shows

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Crush (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bachelor Party (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.00 pm
		4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanuman (K)	(S-4)	9.55 am
Fighter - 2D (H)	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Yathabhava (K)	:	10.40 am
Kaatera (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.45 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	1.25 pm, 4.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Supplier Shankara (K)	:	4.35 pm

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Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	10.30 am, 2.40 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	11.45 am, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Argylle (E)	:	11.10 am, 4.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	11.20 am
Hanu-man (Te)	:	10.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.05 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Devil (2024) (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.05 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	:	2.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	2.40 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	3.15 pm
Dil to Pagal Hai (H)	:	6.15 pm

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Fighter (H-2D)	:	11.05 am, 2.40 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	3.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10:30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.40 am
Argylle (E)	:	12.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.35 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	9.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	6.50 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 7)

- **Directorate of Student Welfare (DSW), University of Mysore (UoM):** Valedictory of 3-day University-level Inter-College Literary and Cultural Competitions 2023-24, EMRC auditorium, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**
- **University Fine Arts College, University of Mysore (UoM), Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, Rangayana, Mysuru and KSGH Music and Performing Arts University:** Ranga Samyukta - Lecture series on Theatre and Theatre Related Arts, M.D. Pallavi, Bengaluru, delivers lecture on Music, B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **5 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Week-long series of classical concerts by budding and local artistes as a prelude to the annual day of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha and Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana scheduled for Feb. 11, Amrutha Tarakesh - Vocal, **6 pm;** Sushma Deepak - Vocal, Krishnamurthypuram Ramamandira, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 8)

- **Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City:** First Kannada Sahitya Sammelana of Chamaraja Assembly Constituency, former Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda chairs the event; National Flag Hoisting at Karnataka Ratna De.Ja.Gow. Vedike, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Auditorium, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will hoist the National Flag, Parishat District President Maddikere Gopal will hoist State Flag and City President K.S. Shivaram will unfurl the Parishat Flag, **8.30 am;** MCC Deputy Commissioner B.S. Somashekar chief guest, University of Mysore (UoM) Department of Physical Education (DPE) Director C. Venkatesh will be present, Sammelana President Prof. Chidananda Gowda will be brought in a procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, to Kalamandira, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth and MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar will be the chief guests, **9 am;** Stage programme at Kalamandira, Prof. M. Krishnegowda inaugurates, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa presides, Karnataka Sahitya Academy former Chairman Prof. Aravinda Malagathi, releases the book 'Dashakagala Sahityada Mogasaaleyalli,' written by Jayaprakash Rao, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah releases the book 'Darshanika Kuvempu' authored by Prof. Y.S. Gowramma, Kalamandira, **11 am;** Valedictory, senior writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj delivers the valedictory address, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, senior writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) and University of Mysore Registrar V.R. Shylaja special invitees, Legislators G.T. Devegowda, A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah chief guests, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mathru Mandali Girls PU College, V.V. Mohalla:** Ethnic Day and Farewell, retd. Senior Manager of TATA Consultancy Shyamala Padmanabhan inaugurates, industrialist Jahnavi Murthy chief guest, Mathru Mandali Educational Institutions President M. Vijayalakshmi Urs presides, Mathru Mandali Educational Institutions Secretary H.A. Vani and Joint Secretary Hema Balachandran will be present, Diamond Jubilee Hall, **11 am.**
- **University Fine Arts College, University of Mysore (UoM), Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, Rangayana, Mysuru and KSGH Music and Performing Arts University:** Ranga Samyukta - Lecture series on Theatre and Theatre Related Arts, Veena Basavarajaiah from Bengaluru delivers lecture on Dance (Movements), B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **5 pm to 7 pm.**
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- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Argylle (E)	:	10 am, 1.35 pm, 7 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10 am, 3.40 pm, 6.55 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	10.05 am, 4.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.20 am
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.50 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	:	1.15 pm, 8.05 pm
Sridevi Prasanna (Marathi)	:	3.55 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.00 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

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Bachelor Party (K)	:	9.50 am, 7.25 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	9.50 am, 6.30 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	10.50 am, 3.00 pm
		5.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Supplier Shankara (K)	:	11.25 am
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Argylle (E)	:	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10:20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Devil -2024 (Ta)	:	2.50 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Yathabhava (K)	:	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Talk on IPR

Dr. Joshi

Mysuru, Feb. 7- St. Philomena's College, Bannimantap, has organised a talk on **'Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and its significance'** for educators and students tomorrow (Feb. 8) at 11.30 am in the College's UG Auditorium.

Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, Principal, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, will be the distinguished speaker, who has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field.

IPR plays a key role in safeguarding public interest while simultaneously promoting entrepreneurship and innovation. By converting intellectual property into financially viable assets, IPR encourages product commercialisation and ensuring effective application.

The event is organised by the IPR Cell of St. Philomena's College, emphasising the institution's commitment to fostering a deeper understanding of the crucial role intellectual property plays in today's academic and entrepreneurial landscape.

Vocal concert on Feb. 9

Vid. N. Srinath

Mysuru, Feb. 7- Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. N. Srinath on Feb. 9 at 6 pm in memory of Kashi Sundaradas on the occasion of *Mouni Amavasye* at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

He will be accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. Sai Shivu on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata.

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